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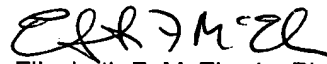
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See the attached Request for information.  
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Prior to examination of the present application a response to the following Request for Information is needed.

***REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.105***

1. Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR § 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.

2. This request is being made for the following reasons:

Applicant is claiming a hybrid corn seed comprising an allele for each locus contributed by corn variety LH324. The requested information is required to make a meaningful and complete search of the prior art.

3. In response to this requirement, please provide answers to each of the following interrogatories eliciting factual information:

(i) What were(are) the original parental corn lines used to produce corn line LH324. Please supply all of the designations/denominations used for the original parental lines and line LH324. Please supply information pertaining to the lineage of the original parental lines back to any publicly available varieties.

(ii) What method and method steps were used to produce corn line LH324?

(iii) At or before the time of filing of the instant application or any provisional application to which benefit is claimed, had any of said parental corn lines or progeny therefrom been disclosed or made publicly available? If so, under what designation/denomination and under what conditions were said parental corn lines or progeny disclosed or made publicly available and from when to when?

(iv) At or before the time of filing of the instant application or any provisional application to which benefit is claimed, were any other corn lines produced by said method using said

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original parental corn lines, and if so, had said produced corn lines been publicly available or sold? If so, under what designation/denomination and under what conditions were said other corn lines disclosed or made publicly available and from when to when?

4. If Applicant views any or all of the above requested information as a Trade Secret, then Applicant should follow the guidance of MPEP § 724.02 when submitting the requested information.

5. In responding to those requirements that require copies of documents, where the document is a bound text or a single article over 50 pages, the requirement may be met by providing copies of those pages that provide the particular subject matter indicated in the requirement, or where such subject matter is not indicated, the subject matter found in applicant's disclosure. Please indicate where the relevant information can be found.

6. This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR §§ 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of 2 months. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

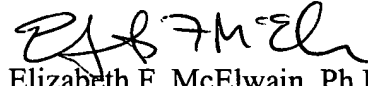
7. The applicant is reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 CFR § 1.56. Where the applicant does not have or cannot readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained may be accepted as a complete reply to the requirement for that item.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elizabeth F. McElwain whose telephone number is (571) 272-0802. The examiner can normally be reached on increased flex time.

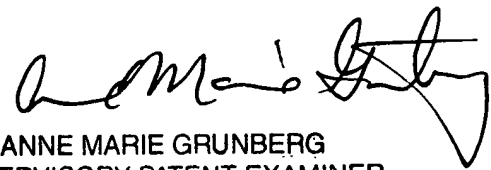
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anne Marie Grunberg can be reached on (571) 272-0975. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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